

# Dover Man Convicted in Rape and Assault Case

*Wilmington shooting leads to prison time*

A 35-year-old Dover man has been convicted for sexually assaulting and beating his girlfriend. A Superior Court jury found Isaac Pierce guilty of Rape First Degree, Kidnapping First Degree, Strangulation, Assault Third Degree, and Terroristic Threatening. In September 2018, while arguing with the victim, Pierce beat, strangled, and raped the woman while holding her against her will. Pierce faces a minimum of 17 years in prison when sentenced by a judge in February 2020. Deputy Attorneys General Kathleen Dickerson and Kevin Smith prosecuted the case with assistance from social worker Lorraine Freese and special investigator Lavincent Harris. Detective Jeffrey Gott of the Dover Police Department led the investigation.

A 2018 shooting that left two men seriously injured has led to a 10-year prison sentence for the man who shot them. Deputy Attorneys General William Leonard and Jillian Schroeder secured the sentenced for Jameel Anderson, 38, of Wilmington. In November 2018, Wilmington Police on patrol in the city heard what they believed were gunshots. A ShotSpotter notification led them to the area of 23rd and Jessup Streets where they found a man with multiple gunshot wounds. Other officers on their way to the scene were stopped by another man at the intersection of Vandever Avenue and North Pine Street who told officers he had just been shot. Anderson pleaded guilty in October to 2 counts of Assault Second Degree and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. A Superior Court judge sentenced Anderson to 10 years in prison, followed by 2 years of probation. Paralegal Caitlin Lynam and social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory assisted with the prosecution. Detective Steve Bender from the Wilmington Police

Department was the chief investigating officer.